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- 1. DEPT. APPRECIATES HELPFUL RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTELS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ICEM REP WASHINGTON THAT ICEM DOCUMENTS RELATING TO WORKING GROUP BEING DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK. AS SOON AS THESE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED, WE WILL FORWARD DEPT. VIEWS FOR MISSION COMMENTS.
- 2. AS MISSION AWARE, DEPT. DECIDED, FOLLOWING REVIEW LAST FALL, THAT U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO SECTION III WOULD BE PROGRESSIVELY BUT SHARPLY REDUCED TO FOLLOWING LEVELS: CY1975 750,000 DOLS.; CY1976 400,000 DOLS., AND 25 PERCENT OF GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS THEREAFTER. THEREFORE, USG ALLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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READY "OUT FROM UNDER DISPROPORTIONATELY HEAVY FINANCIAL COMMITTMENT" (PARA 5 REF C) AND LEVEL OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO SECTION III NOT A NEGOTIABLE ITEM AT WORKING GROUP.

3. SINCE DECISION CONCERNING MAXIMUM FINANCIAL LEVELS FIRM AND PROGRAM NOT OF MAJOR INTEREST TO USG, BELIEVE

SOUNDEST COURSE FROM U.S. POINT OF VIEW WOULD BE FOR OTHERS TO TAKE LEAD IN SUGGESTING HOW NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS CAN BE MADE. THEREFORE WE AGREE FRG INITIATIVE (ROTGERS CALLS ON RMRC REPORTED REFTELS B AND D) HIGHLY WELCOME AND WE BELIEVE FURTHER INITIATIVES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. FOR INSTANCE, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF GERMANS WOULD CONTACT KRAAN, RATHER THAN OUR DOING SO (PARA 3 REF D).

- 4. WE FIND GERMAN PROPOSAL FOR TOTAL RETRENCHMENT FROM RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT ACTIVITIES CONNECTION LAP TANTAMOUNT TO TERMINATION SELECTIVE MIGRATION PROGRAM. WHILE THIS RECOMMENDATION MIGHT WELL BE OUTCOME OF WORKING GROUP SESSION, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN AS TO WHETHER REDUCTION, RATHER THAN ELIMINATION THESE SERVICES, MIGHT NOT SERVE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUED INTEREST AND MEMBERSHIP OF LA COUNTRIES AND THUS BROAD GEOGRAPHIC MEMBERSHIP BASE. ALSO POSSIBLE INTEREST OF EUROPEAN MEMBERS IN SELECTIVE MIGRATION MIGHT BE GREATER THAN ASSUMED, GIVEN LOW COST OF THIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH 16 LATIN AMERICAN ICEM MEMBER COUNTRIES.
- 5. HOWEVER, AT THIS STAGE WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS UNTIL WE KNOW MORE OF THE VIEWS OF OTHER KEY EUROPEAN AND LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS. RATHER THAN RALLY SUPPORT FOR OUR VIEWS, WE WOULD PREFER TO SUPPORT AS APPROPRIATE THEIR BEST JUDGMENTS.
- 6. TO THIS END, WE SUGGEST THAT RMRC ENCOURAGE GERMANS OR OTHERS (POSSIBLY SWISS) TO HOLD SMALL INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH KEY DELEGATES PRIOR TO WORKING GROUP SESSIONS (PERHAPS MARCH 7 AND 8) FOR A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, ONE GROUP, PERHAPS INCLUDING DUTCH AND SWISS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANOTHER BRAZILIANS AND COLOMBIANS, THE U.S. IN BOTH. SUCH A PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN AN INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE SHOULD REVEAL DEGREE OF REAL INTEREST OF KEY MEMBERS IN PROGRAM, WHAT RESTRUCTURING IS NECESSARY, AND WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE. BELIEVE SUCH PRELIMINARY FACE-TO-FACE EXCHANGES AMONG INFORMED DELEGATES FAR PREFERABLE TO MORE CUMBERSOME METHOD OF DEALING WITH MINISTRIES IN VARIOUS CAPITALS, AND COULD PROVIDE DEGREE OF COORDINATION TO ENSURE THAT WORKING GROUP, IN SHORT TIME ALLOTTED IT, WOULD HAVE A CHANCE OF COMING TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEMS OF SECTION III. INGERSOLL

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